GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4691
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2008
DELIMITATION COMMISSION
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delimitation Commission has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has approved any scheme for delimitation of Parliamentary Constituencies recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Delimitation Commission has so far Issued Orders in respect of 25 States/Union territories. In pursuance of section 10A of the Delimitation Act, 2002, the delimitation exercise in respect of the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland have been deferred vide four Orders dated 8th February, 2008. Further, section 10B of the said Act nullified the Delimitation Commission`s Orders issued with respect to the State of Jharkhand. Thus, the delimitation exercise in respect of all the States except the State of Jammu and Kashmir has been completed.

(c) and (d): In pursuance of the second proviso to article 82 and the second proviso to clause (3) of article 170 of the Constitution, the Presidential Order has been issued on the 19th February, 2008 making delimitation Orders effective from immediate effect in all the 22 States/ Union territories except in the States of Tripura and Meghalaya where the delimitation order has taken effect from 20th March, 2008. To enable the Election Commission of India to consolidate the delimitation orders and take such other steps as may be required for conduct of future elections in terms of the new delimitation orders, necessary amendments to the Representation of the People Act, 1950 have been made vide the Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 2008 (10 of 2008) and given effect to on 16th April, 2008.